

## **Louisiana §1915(b)(4) Waiver Program**

### **FACT SHEET**

<b>Name of Waiver Proposal:</b>	Models of Excellence-Health Alliance Program for Asthma and Diabetic Pharmaceuticals and Supplies
<b>Date Proposal Submitted:</b>	July 25, 2002
<b>Date Proposal Approved:</b>	September 11, 2002
<b>Scheduled Expiration Date:</b>	October 31, 2004
<b>Date Demonstration Implemented:</b>	Proposal not yet implemented

### **SUMMARY**

On July 25, 2002, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), submitted a 1915(b)(4) waiver request for a mail order pharmacy program. The program entitled, Models of Excellence-Health Alliance Program for Asthma and Diabetic Pharmaceuticals and Supplies, will allow the State to selectively contract with vendor(s) to provide pharmaceutical and durable medical equipment (DME) products and supplies for Medicaid recipients, who have been identified as having an asthma or diabetes diagnosis. This is a new service offered by Louisiana Medicaid and participation in the waiver program is mandatory for identified recipients. The State anticipates serving 166,000 Medicaid recipients under this waiver. The selected contractor(s) will also provide disease education to program recipients. Through a competitive bid Health Alliance has been selected as the potential vendor and was the only respondent to the request for bids. The draft contract was submitted with the 1915(b)(4) application.

### **TARGET POPULATION/ELIGIBILITY**

Medicaid recipients identified as having a diagnosis of asthma or diabetes will be served under this waiver.

### **NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED**

The State of Louisiana anticipates serving 166,000 Medicaid recipients under this waiver.

### **BENEFIT PACKAGE**

The waiver provides for delivery of pharmaceuticals and supplies via mail to the homes of Medicaid recipients who have asthma or diabetes. The vendor(s) will provide disease education at no cost. Recipients requiring emergency pharmaceuticals and supplies will access them according to existing DHH procedures that allows recipients to present prescriptions for emergency pharmaceuticals and supplies to any licensed pharmacist.

### **COST SHARING**

There is no cost sharing under this waiver program.

### **ENROLLMENT LIMIT/CAP**

Louisiana has not specified an enrollment limit for this program.

### **DELIVERY SYSTEM**

Under the Models of Excellence-Health Alliance Program for Asthma and Diabetic Pharmaceuticals and Supplies, the selected vendor(s) will provide for delivery of pharmaceuticals and supplies via mail to the homes of Medicaid recipients who have asthma or diabetes. The vendor(s) will be reimbursed on a fee-for-service (FFS) basis.

### **QUALITY ASSURANCE**

Approval of the Models of Excellence proposal is contingent upon the State arranging for an independent assessment of the waiver program with respect to access to care, quality of services, and cost effectiveness. This independent assessment must be submitted no later than 3 months before the expiration of the waiver authority.

### **MODIFICATIONS/AMENDMENTS**

None requested at this time.

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